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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SCANDAL AFFECTING U.S. FIRM

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 13 NEA/ARN TELEPHONED FRANK FISHER, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL D.I.S.C., INC. (IDI) AND RELAYED INFORMATION IN REFTEL.

2. ALTHOUGH FISHER RELATED PREVIOUS AREAS OF CONFLICT WITH THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES OVER IDI'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RAMADI PROJECT, HE UNDERPLAYED THE SERIOUSNESS TO US OF DUNCAN'S ALLEGATIONS. TO OBTAIN A CLEARER PICTURE, FISHER SAID THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED DUNCAN TO CONFRONT WILLIAM DIBALD, FORMER ADVISER TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, AND REPORT TO FISHER ON THE FIFTEENTH. FURTHERMORE, FISHER HAS ORDERED A COMPANY INSPECTOR WHO WAS IN IRAQ TO IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO TEXAS AND REPORT.

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3. FISHER UNDERSTANDS THAT FOR TWO DAYS THE MINISTRY HAS

BEEN AWARE OF THE DUNCAN ALLEGATIONS. FISHER FEELS THAT
THE MINISTRY'S SILENCE CONFIRMS THE ANALYSIS IN REFTEL'S
PARA. THREE. FISHER HAD PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED A TRIP TO
IRAQ ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND INTENDS TO STICK TO THAT SCHEDULE.
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